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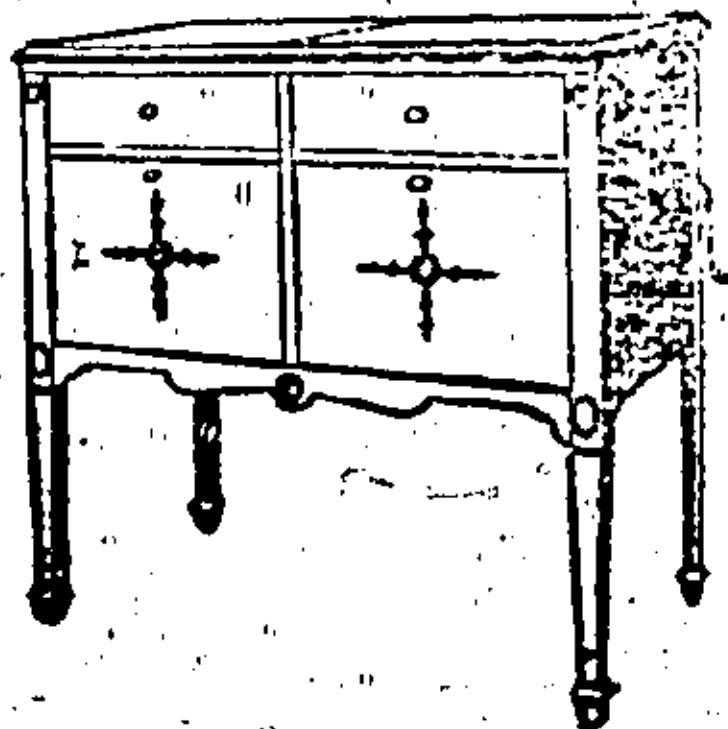
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PEEPS INTO THE FUTURE.

[From the Hongkong Daily Press of 1934.]

YESTERDAY'S PIRACIES.

Among the most daring of the piracies that were carried out yesterday was that of the Peak Tram.

It was a cool calm afternoon when many of the most prominent of the broad-winners of the Colony were returning from their labours of the day by the non-stop tram which leaves the lower station at 5.30 p.m. After the usual scrum at the gates, the "fortunates" ones settled themselves for what is normally an uneventful and comfortable journey. If anyone noticed that there was a sinister-looking Chinese at the outer end of each of the front seats, over into his place, no one made any remark on it, but, as the tram approached Bowen Road station, each of these men was seen to be fumbling in his pocket. Immediately afterwards the bell was rung, and the tram was brought to a standstill. Accounts vary as to what happened next, but all agree that on looking up everyone found a revolver pointing at his head. In a moment the brakesman was pushed overboard, to be followed immediately by the conductor. One of the pirates seized the ruffian rapidly went through the pockets of the passengers. Watches, notebooks and tie-pins were quickly collected, and, before anybody quite knew what was up, the tram was restarted. As it began to gather speed the brakesman, slipping a catch on the brake lever to hold it down, gave a shout and all the pirates jumped for the woods. The car continued its upward course towards the Peak, but was brought to a stop by a passenger. His presence of mind unfortunately made the matter rather worse than ever, for the tram stopped on the very middle of the big bridge just below the upper station, and it was some time before the bewildered engine-driver could be persuaded to bring it to the top so that the passengers could get out and give the alarm. The pirates thus had a good start, and by the time the Police arrived on the spot all signs of them had disappeared. Subsequent investigations have, however, produced several excellent clues, from which valuable results are expected. The losses have not yet all been reported, but it is believed that they amount to a large sum in money alone. In addition much valuable jewellery was taken.

A reward of \$500 is offered for information that leads to the conviction of any of the criminals.

MILITARY LANDS.

It is announced that Sir William Ashley, an eminent member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, has been appointed by the War Office to examine the question of the transfer of Military Lands. We understand that the whole matter is to be gone into "de novo."

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

There is a gratifying decrease in the number of motor accidents reported. On Garden Road there were only seventeen last week, as against twenty-nine the week before. Of these, only ten were fatal. This satisfactory state of affairs is doubtless due to the advanced condition of the road-widening operations.

Police casualties have, on the other hand, been above the average. No less than five members of the Force were seriously injured owing to their zeal in testing the new racing type of motor-cycle which has recently been issued to the "safety first" department.

LAND SALES.

The land boom, which started some twelve years ago, shows no signs of slackening. Among the prices realised yesterday was one of 80,000 dollars for a plot of 8,000 square feet on the top of the Lion Rock. A large area near Sha-Tin, not yet reclaimed from the 8 feet of water that covers it, was sold for \$5 per square foot, on condition that the buyer reclaims it within three years.

FINANCIAL.

The disturbed state of affairs in Canton continues to divert money into Hongkong, and prices of all the leading securities are still rising. Bank shares touched 2,000 yesterday, but weakened a little before the end of the day.

"FORETHOUGHT."

INDIAN CURRENCY.

THE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

Sir Basil Blackett, the Finance member, speaking at Delhi on December 4th on behalf of the Government of India, referred to the recent resolution passed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce urging the Government not to disturb the exchange at the present time, and entered into a justification of the policy hitherto pursued with respect both to exchange and currency. Sir Basil incidentally replied to the criticisms of the recent sale of gold to the value of two million pounds sterling from the paper currency reserve, against the transfer of a corresponding amount to the sterling securities reserve.

Admitting that the two-shilling rate of exchange for the rupee was fictitious, the Finance member pointed out that, in the present circumstances, the Government had had no choice but to adopt an arbitrary rate, which he asserted, was no illusory as to be quite harmless. The Government of India had reserves sufficient, in case of a crisis, to support the exchange to the extent necessary to maintain the value of the rupee at sixteen pence.

The goal to which all endeavours were being directed was the gold standard. The general adoption of the practice of putting gold into circulation at the present time would give rise to such a demand for gold as would bring gold prices intolerably below the world level. The most effective way of reaching the gold standard was to use gold judiciously and profitably. By selling gold in India

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

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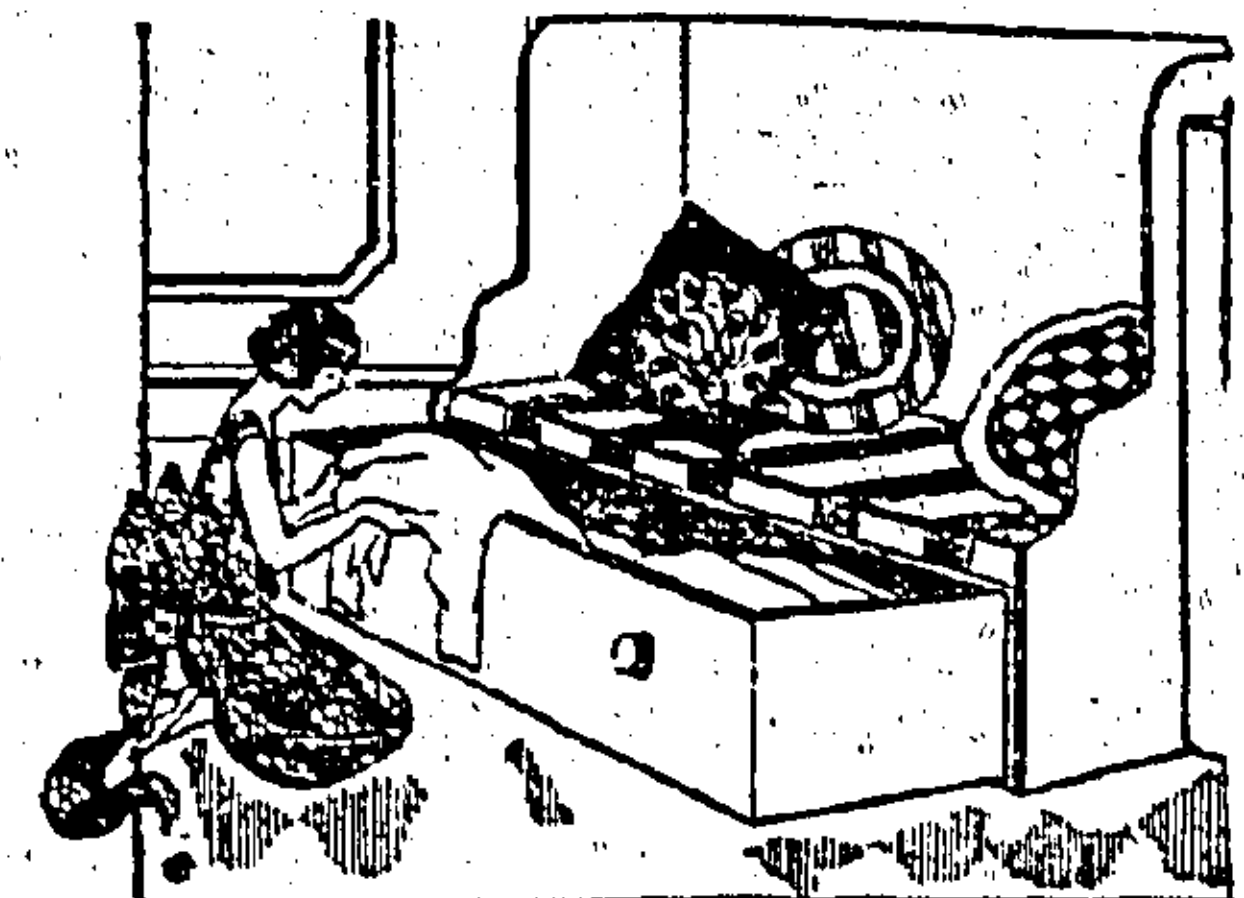
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MR. ARTHUR PREECE, M.I.M.E. AND MR. TSO SEEN WAN
HONOURED.

GIFT OF \$52,000 BY MR. FUNG PING SHAN.

There was a large and distinguished gathering present at the thirteenth Congregation of the University of Hongkong held yesterday for the purpose of conferring degrees. A notable feature of the proceedings was the conferring of the degree of "Doctor of Laws" (*Honoris Causa*) on Mr. Arthur Preece, M.I.M.E., and Mr. Tso Seen Wan. Both these gentlemen have done signal service for the University. Mr. Preece is a member of the University Consultative Committee in London and is the senior partner in the well-known firm of consulting engineers which has fulfilled the duties of honorary Consulting Engineers to the University. Advantage was taken of Mr. Preece's presence in Singapore and he was asked to extend his tour to Hongkong in order that his services to the University could be recognised in a fitting and proper manner. Mr. Tso is well-known in Hongkong as one of the leading members of the Chinese interest in Chinese affairs and is an active supporter in all matters relating to the University. To the European community he is perhaps best known as a member of the Sanitary Board.

The congregation was held in the Great Hall of the University and after the conferring of the honorary degrees the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery were conferred upon five Chinese graduates in Medicine. Prior to the Congregation tea was served on the tennis courts. During the tea a delightful programme of music was discoursed by the East Surrey Regimental Band.

THE PROCESSION.

Promptly at five o'clock an impressive procession composed of the members of the Court of the University and its professors, all in full regalia, marched down the centre of the Great Hall and occupied their respective seats on the platform. The order of the procession was as follows:—

His Excellency The Chancellor, the Mace Bearer, Mr. Tso Seen Wan and Mr. Arthur Preece, The Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Registrar, Sir John Hamers-Davies and H.E. Sir John Fowler, Bishop of Victoria and Bishop Pizzoni, Hon. Sir Claude Severn and Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, Hon. Mr. E. Pollock and Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Dr. C. W. McKenny, Mr. C. Montague Eds and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Rev. T. W. Foster and Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. Ho Koon Tong and Mr. Chau Siu Ki, Dr. R. M. Gibson and Mr. H. B. L. Mok, Hon. Mr. D. Talati and Mr. J. R. Wood, Professor G. M. Berna and Professor W. Brown, Professor F. A. Redmond and Professor G. T. Byrne, Professor C. Y. Wang and Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Professor M. H. Roffey and Professor J. L. Shellheer, Professor L. G. Forster and Professor J. Anderson, Dr. C. M. Harston and Dr. C. Forsyth, Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Rev. C. B. Shum, Rev. J. Romanis Lee and Dr. G. H. Thomas, A. H. Fenwick and Mr. Au Tai Tin, Dr. J. Fenton and Mr. A. S. Hott.

After the Chancellor (H.E. the Governor, Sir E. E. Stables, K.C.M.G.) had declared the Congregation open, the Regimental band, situated in the Court-yard outside the Great Hall, played the University Anthem.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

THE WORK OF THE PAST THREE YEARS.

Before presenting Mr. Preece and Mr. Tso for the conferring of degrees, the Vice-Chancellor (Sir WILLIAM BRUNYATE, K.C.M.G.) said:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—We have but one loss by death to record during the year just closed. We miss to-day the cheery presence of the University Court from the outset and who, at the time of his death, was a member of Your Excellency's Legislative Council. We are glad that his daughter, Miss Ng Sui Ha, is still with us as a medical student.

As I am addressing you from this place for the last time, I imagine that you would prefer me, instead of the usual review of the past year, to attempt some estimate of the progress of the University during the last three years. I shall make the attempt somewhat in the spirit of the disinterested onlooker that in a very few weeks time, who has passed so short a time as three years in a University, even as young a University as is ours, and has never looked forward to spending there a much longer period, can really claim to have been much more than an onlooker.

Re-reading, as I did the other day, what I have said on previous occasions of this kind, perhaps the first thing that struck me was the number of forecasts one could make, even in so short a space of time, that still remain to be fulfilled.

I see, that three years ago, I spoke of the immense possibilities of that part of China which stretches behind the Kowloon hills. For reasons, with which a Vice-Chancellor has no concern, those possibilities seem more distant to-day than they did then, but I have not, for that reason, ceased to have faith in them. I asked you on the same occasion to be prepared to re-adjust your ideas as to the number of students likely to resort to your University, and although there has been a steady increase from year to year, I have to confess that the increase has been much less rapid than I anticipated.

Yet there, again, my faith in the future is unshaken, and I foresee a time when my successor will be seriously embarrassed by the number of students, for whom he has to provide. In this connection, I noticed the other day that Your Excellency, speaking on the Colonial Budget, advocated a considerable relaxation of our rules as to residence. I am so convinced of the value of our hostel life in binding together students from many different Provinces of China, that I should see such a change with the utmost regret, and there are few things for which I should be more grateful to a generous benefactor than an additional hostel. But, whatever my personal views, the experiment must be partially tried during the current year, for our day is not yet closed and all of our hostels are appropriately full. It is, perhaps, only appropriate that amongst the victims of the experiment—those who should call them—should be included the whole of the Hongkong Government education students for the year, none of whose names have yet reached us; if upon reflection, Your Excellency should come to doubt the wisdom of the change, I can only hope that Your Excellency's Government will assist us with the provision of additional hostel accommodation. Again I ventured to speak of the academic calm which I supposed to be the natural atmosphere of a teaching staff. I have sometimes wondered during the past three years whether any meteorological knowledge was as accurate as it might have been, but I should like here to pay an unequalled tribute to the whole-hearted devotion of the entire staff to the interests of the University and to the excellence of their teaching work. (Applause.)

THE RESULTS OF THE APPEAL.

Coming to last year, I see that I refused to speak unhelpfully of the recent appeal simply because at that time it had received no financial response. And there is reason to believe that my hopes will prove unfounded. It is now a matter of record that early last summer my colleague, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, presented us with a munificent benefaction of \$250,000. (Loud applause.) To the use we are making of that benefaction I will presently allude. And then, only yesterday, I received through the Hon. Mr. Kotewall a cheque for \$52,500 from Mr. Fung Ping Shan. (Applause.) \$50,000 of which was to form an addition to our general endowment fund, while \$2,500 was to be available for the purchase of books for our Library. (Applause.) For that gift we cannot thank Mr. Fung Ping Shan too warmly. For, highly respected as is the place he occupies in the Colony, it is one standing rather apart from the things that this University represents, and it is no small encouragement to us to know that we are gaining—or ought I to say "retaining"—the sympathy of purely Chinese interests. (Applause.)

Well, I have no doubt that we shall continue to receive gifts of similar substantial amounts from time to time, but may I recommend the precedent of Mr. Fung's gift to the Library to well-wishers of the University who might see fit to help with similar sums? The Library itself could absorb an unlimited number of such donations, but it is far from being the only direction in which such gifts could be utilized.

Before I leave the subject of our appeal, let me say that I am conscious that when I go on to describe how much we have been able to do that was overshadowed in the appeal without having received in the appeal as necessary. For those purposes, it may occur to some of you that, of set purpose, we exaggerated our real needs. Such is in no way the case. The appeal was put forward as representing a ten years programme, and I have seen no reason as yet for modifying any of the figures it contained. We have incurred commitments in the future that assume a further response to the appeal, and we have been able to do so because, for the first time, we have a reliable system of accounts and because, as I predicted three years ago, our Finance Committee, once we gained its confidence, has proved ready to take reasonable risks. My own difficulty, indeed, has been that, both in Council and in the Finance Committee, I have found myself compelled to assume the ungrateful rôle of *advocatus diaboli*: both in Council and Finance Committee and to point out the risks incident to expenditure that everyone welcomed. We already know the results of last year's working with sufficient accuracy for me to be able to say that its accounts will balance, but we are committed to expenditure for next year which I fear will render the repetition of a similar result impossible.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE STAFF.

I think you are all aware that I have been consistently in favour of devoting any money available primarily to the improvement of the terms of service of your staff. The need of such improvement was indeed, placed in the forefront of our appeal and the reasons for that need were there fully stated. My hope has been that that problem at least should be settled before my term of office ended, and it is a matter of extreme satisfaction to me that the receipt of the Chater benefaction has rendered possible the adoption of the salary scales I recommended. They are in no way extravagant scales—far from it—but they will enable my successor to approach selecting bodies in London for new staff without feeling absolutely ashamed of himself. Then we have seen our way to introducing a superannuation scheme on the usual lines and to giving it retroactive effect. And, finally, we have seen our way—at least for the present—to relieving our staff from those heavy passage charges which in certain services in the East (and notably, I believe, in India) are proving a real danger to efficiency by preventing the taking of leave necessary for health. To have done these things has meant the most rigid economy in every other direction and, as I have already said, it involves increasing commitments during the next eight or ten years for which provision has yet to be made, but it means that staff questions have been reduced to the level of an ordinary, everyday problem instead of being of urgent and dangerous importance.

THE ACTUAL WORK OF THE FACULTIES.

As regards the actual work of the Faculties I have very little to add to what I said last year. Our one great, positive advance has been, of course, in the Faculty of Medicine, and with full-time professors of surgery and medicine actually at work you have, for the first time, the nucleus of a medical school organized on modern lines. (Applause.) As you know, there have from the beginning of our negotiations, with the Rockefeller Foundation, been possibilities of a third Chair—that of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—in the background, and I have been authorized by your Court to apply for help in setting up the Chair whenever conditions should justify the application. Our discussions with the Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer as to the facilities available at the Government Civil Hospital have proved so satisfactory that I felt justified a week or two ago in sending in that application—(applause)—and I shall be very much disappointed if it does not prove successful.

ENGINEERING.

As regards the Faculty of Engineering we are fortunate in having with us to-day an expert in the person of Mr. Arthur Preece, and I must not unduly anticipate what he may have to say. Should he propose to compare our modest equipment with that of engineering schools in England or in the Dominions which have behind them the support of large industrial centres, only one answer will be possible. But I am convinced that we are giving a thoroughly sound engineering education, and that, thanks to the John Swire and Ho Tung benefactions, our equipment has during the last three years, been materially improved. (Applause.)

ARTS.

In Arts, a temporary shortage of staff during last term gave me the privilege of participating in the teaching work of the University both in political science and in commercial law. It happens that the two subjects which I mentioned a year ago as subjects that ought to be studied by young Chinese ought to be, rather than in an English University and my recent experience has only served to confirm me in that view. Let me add that the object in view would be entirely defeated were one content to teach as one would teach in England. Commercial law is, I need scarcely say, one of the subjects in the commercial course, and I would venture to express the hope that the creation of that course will prove to have been of real value to the commerce of the Colony. There will, I know, be need at the outset of good-will on the part of the merchant and the graduate. There are few academic courses which do not require to be completed by a practical apprenticeship, and apprenticeship is often a disillusioning process. The root of the matter is that, while we do not, and cannot, produce good clerks, our aim is to produce men capable of becoming good clerks and, of later on becoming very much more. Which has its application in other fields no less than in that of commerce.

TEACHING THE MEN TO KNOW HOW.

TO WILL.

But a University like ours will finally be judged by the work of its graduates, and there I should like to assure Your Excellency of the pleasure with which some of us listened last night to some remarks of yours as to the part you believed our graduates to be destined to play in China. Your Excellency referred especially to our doctors and engineers, and I should like to add our school masters, both because it is to them we look for our raw material and because the whole program is essentially an educational one, only a small part of which can be dealt with in this Colony. (Applause.) For the most part our results still lie in the future, but I am more than satisfied with what I already bear of the impression our graduates are creating. The times are times of rapid change in China, with too often all too little to show in the end, but I am inclined to think that we have somehow succeeded in teaching our men to know how to wait. They seem to me to be getting a reputation as well-rounded, reliable men, and if I can hear that of them I do not, for the moment, want to hear much else.

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INTIMATIONS

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Supreme Court, on MONDAY, the 14TH JANUARY, at 5.10 P.M.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CLUB will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1924, at 3 P.M.

The purposes for which the Meeting is called are—

(a) To confirm the following resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th December, 1923.

1. That the Rules of Racing by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following Rule:—
11a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 a China Pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

2. That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:—

77. The weight for China Ponies shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony. Any Pony measuring 14 hands (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony) and under shall be eligible to compete at the Annual Race Meeting in 1924 in any race reserved for China Ponies. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924, any China Pony which measures over 13 hands 3 inches, to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies (fractions of an inch over 13 hands 3 inches not to count).

77a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.

3. That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended to read:—
34. The Stewards have power to draw up and fix the date or dates for any Race Meeting.

4. That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be unchanged.

(b) To propose a resolution adopting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Club as circulated to the Members in which the following new provisions have been made:—

1. For the division of the Members of the Club into Voting and Non-Voting or Ordinary Members.
2. For Lady Racing Members.
3. For the increase of the Entrance Fee to the Club.
4. For Visiting Members.
5. For the appointment of a Secretary.
6. For the alteration of the date upon which subscriptions are payable and other minor alterations.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Saturday, 19th January, to Friday, 1st February, 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1924. [179]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 7496 dated Hongkong 30th April 1922, for Five Shares of this Bank numbered 6257/6258 inclusive registered in the name of Mrs. GLAFIRA MARIA ECA DA SILVA ABELIA has been destroyed by fire and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 17th January, 1924, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the original Certificate No. 7496 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

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NOTICE

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. A/68 for Nine Shares, £24 per share paid up, numbered 9894/9899 in this Society standing in the name of KWONG SUNG LUNG of Yokohama has been declared void and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Nine Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

G. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [166]

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription List will be Open on MONDAY, the 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, and Close on or before SATURDAY, the 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 1924.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911-1921.

CAPITAL - \$500,000
DIVIDED INTO 50,000 SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

Offer of 4,000 Shares for Public Subscription.

Of the above shares 15,000 credited as fully paid will be allotted to The Chino American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, as the purchase price for the use to the Company of property, plant, machinery and equipment of The Chino American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, on the terms of the contract set forth in this Prospectus. Of the remaining 35,000 shares it is intended at the present time to issue only 15,000, and of these shares 11,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these shares \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment.

The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

The Form of Application for shares is at the back of this Prospectus.

DIRECTORS:

CHARLES EDWARD HARTNELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Solicitor*.

CHAN PEK CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Strand West, Victoria, Hongkong, *Merchant*.

CHAU YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Merchant*.

CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Engineer*.

EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Architect*.

WONG KWOK SHUN, No. 169, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Banker*.

One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

BANKERS:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

AUDITORS:

Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS.
Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. WILKINSON AND GRIST,
No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY:
CHINA BUILDING, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

PROSPECTUS.

(a.) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster" which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b.) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of THE CHINO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situated Tuen Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereon, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment to THE CHINO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Further, more the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between THE CHINO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c.) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d.) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e.) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f.) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$600.00 per annum.

(g.) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h.) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the Company's Solicitors.

(i.) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j.) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k.) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the International Banking Corporation, and at and from the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 5th day of January, 1924.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SCHOOLS' ENTERTAINMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MONDAY, JANUARY, 14th, at 4.30 P.M.

RED Vouchers sold for Reserved Seats can be exchanged for Tickets at Messrs. MONTAGUE NOW or at the Box Office on Monday.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1924, from 3.30 P.M. to 8 P.M.

No invitations are being sent out. All Parents, Guardians, Old Boys, and Friends are invited to attend by this Advertisement.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTSWALL (Old Boy) will speak.

There will also be short Speeches by Scholars on Games, Chinese Studies, School History, the New School and possible future developments.

After Tea there will be a Display of Physical Drill and Gymnastics.

Term ends on SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th. Next Term begins on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.

Old Boys should attend on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st at 8.30 A.M. W. T. PRATHERSTONE, Headmaster.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held on THURSDAY, 6th MARCH, 1924, and will be held in the open air and will be held in the open air.

Schedules are now being issued and will be sent to Members at an Early Date. Entries will close at 1 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, 27th of FEBRUARY, 1924, at the Hon. Secretary's Office.

The Committee will be glad to receive the Names of New Members, which should be sent in to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. JAMES MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd., No. 2, Peddar Street.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE Attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the Conditions of the Eighth Race on the First Day, the CHATER CUP.

The Last Sentence should read as follows:—"Ponies that have started and never BEEN PLACED in an Official Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that BOWEN ROAD between the TRAM Station and the MILITARY HOSPITAL will be CLOSED to all Traffic from WEDNESDAY, 27th INST., until further Notice.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Captain Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock A.M. on the 10th JANUARY, 1924.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and to be submitted to the Treasury Office, until 11 o'clock A.M. on the 10th JANUARY, 1924.

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 23 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the compliance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company, in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.

R. A. DOBBIN, Lieut.-Colonel, Treasury Clerk Officer, R.A.P.C. His Majesty's Treasury Office, Hongkong, 10th January, 1924.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ELLERMAN LINE.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

THE Steamship "CITY OF CANTERBURY" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 15th January, 1924, will be subject to suit.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 22nd January, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.

Mr. Freeman has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 2th January, 1924.

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DEATH. Reim.—At Shanghai, on January 3rd, ELNA JOHANN, wife of BERT O. F. REIM, aged 40 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Charter Road. London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 10TH, 1924.

NEW YEAR PLATITUDES.

In no country in the world is a New Year ushered in more ceremoniously than in Japan. Messages to the nation by the Premier and other Ministers constitute an interesting feature of the ritual, and it is to these that we propose to particularly refer. Recent events lend a special interest to the message issued by Count YAMAMOTO, who at the dawn of the year was Prime Minister. Count YAMAMOTO remarked on the fact that Japan has been experiencing conditions of extraordinary prosperity. "Our people," he said, "have become, for a time, bewildered by good fortune." But he was constrained to note that these self-same conditions have bred discontent. "The distribution of wealth has not been fair." Consumers have suffered by a general rise in the price of commodities, and "the gap between poor and rich has become wide," with the result that there have been "minor risings." Count YAMAMOTO said that in these circumstances "dangerous ideas from outside have penetrated into the country... and it is impossible to keep them out." Hence the homily he delivers is on the need for conserving the traditions of the nation. The "dangerous ideas," to which the Premier alludes are not the growth of a single year. For some years now—from the time of the Russian Revolution, at least, if not earlier still—the Government has deemed it necessary to use the police force of the country very freely, as Press censors and in other ways, for checking the spread of "dangerous thoughts"—that is to say ideas calculated to undermine the existing polity of Japan. That radical thinkers were regarded as extremely dangerous criminals was evidenced immediately after the earthquake when soldiers and police seemed to regard it as a primary duty

to round up all "Socialists," who had been previously marked down for their political activities and in some cases they were promptly put to death by their captors, not on account of any criminal act but merely because of their political convictions which the patriotic soldier or policeman considered to be treasonable. It is not to be denied that Socialistic thought has widely permeated Japan, or that Ministerial horrors have lost much of their old-time influence on the nation. "I am proud of you all," Count YAMAMOTO said when referring to the dauntless courage and mutual helpfulness of the people after the terrible earthquake disaster, which, he says, has taught the people anew their duties and social relationship. He trusts that the fine spirit evoked by that disaster will be strengthened and applied to the solution of the various social problems confronting the country, and thus convert the great misfortune and loss into a "signpost of a new era of national happiness founded on the spirit of harmonious unity and helpfulness which, he says, has been a valued tradition of the nation. To which all the people have doubtless said "Amen," while they may well gravely doubt whether these pious hopes will serve the practical purpose of bridging the widening gap between the classes that the Prime Minister viewed with deep concern. We are all optimists at the dawn of each new year, but we seldom have to wait long for disillusionment. Within a week after his message was issued Count YAMAMOTO's Ministry felt impelled to resign because of an anarchist outrage unprecedented, we believe, in the history of the country. An attempt was made to assassinate H.I.H. the Prince Regent, and a week later there was a hostile demonstration outside the Imperial Palace at which a bomb was thrown, fortunately, without doing any damage. Such outrages as these in Japan, where the Imperial House, and especially the person of the ruler, is popularly regarded as sacrosanct, are very disturbing signs, and having in mind the customary activities of the authorities against the propagation of "dangerous thoughts" in the country, we are able to understand that the "drastic measures" now contemplated to prevent a recurrence of such outrages, will prove "sensational"—and a sorry commentary on the Ministerial New Year message.

Baron LUTZ, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Yamamoto Cabinet, indulged in his 'New Year message in an optimistic outlook upon the affairs of the world, but qualified it with many "ifs." We must have a very low estimate of men and nations, he says, if we believe that their efforts cannot result in international peace. But the man-in-the-street does not forget that international peace always has been the professed aim of all monarchs and their ministers, and that there was a sad disillusioning in 1914. "If," said Baron LUTZ, "the world will realize the necessity of co-existence and mutual prosperity, and if all the nations will earnestly strive to escape the present difficulties and uneasiness, and if the rulers of nations will be wise and endeavour to follow the Truth, the year 1924 may yet be the beginning of a change for the better." Such platitudes as these, of course, read well enough in a New Year message of hope. Unfortunately, no nation concedes to others a monopoly of "wisdom" or "truth," and the give-and-take policy in international arrangements seems the only one which offers the prospect of "the beginning of a change for the better." We have no doubt that these little New Year messages give pleasure and satisfaction to the people to whom they are addressed, and however extravagant the views they express may appear, it is to be hoped that they prove of some effect at least in promoting the spirit of toleration and mutual co-operation which it is their object to promote.

H.E. The Governor is to distribute the prizes at Queen's College on the 26th inst.

Mr. John McCormack, the famous tenor, has arranged to give a concert in Shanghai in the autumn.

Sixteen cases of small-pox were issued in the return made by the Medical Officer of Health for the twenty-four hours ended the 4th inst.

Mr. A. Sorensen, formerly Vice-Consul for Norway, at Shanghai, has been appointed Sub-Manager of the Sino-Scandinavian Bank, Shanghai.

Mr. Sorensen is relieving Mr. A. M. Haslund, who has joined the Board of Directors of the same bank.

Hayley Morris and William MacGregor Weston are suing in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, John Bennivitch for Tk. 300,000 damages for alleged breach of contract, whereby plaintiffs and defendant associated themselves in the business of bullion and exchange broking.

The schools of the Victoria Diocesan Association are giving an entertainment in the Theatre Royal on Monday afternoon. It will include a Chinese play. The programme has been arranged by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Rev. W. T. Pratt (Diocesan Boys' School), Mr. W. W. (St. Paul's Girls' College), Mr. Owen Hughes, jun., and Mr. T. S. W. Chan (Diocesan Boys' School). The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E., LL.D., will speak at the opening of the proceedings.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH ROUTER'S AGENCY.]

A PEKING MANDATE.

PEKING, January 9th.

An understanding having been reached between Generals Wu Pei Fu and Hsiao Yao Nan, a mandate was issued yesterday appointing the latter concurrently Civil Governor of Hupeh and relieving Admiral Tang Hsiang-Ming.

PEKING CABINET PLANS FOR BOND ISSUE.

PEKING, January 9th.

It is reported that the Cabinet has approved of Wang Keh-Ming's plan for the issue of \$10,000,000 bonds secured by the Peking Octroi.

According to an unofficial report it has been suggested that the service of these bonds be placed under the Inspector-General of Customs.

KIDNAPED AMERICAN MISSIONARY RELEASED.

SHANGHAI, January 9th.

A letter has been received at Shanghai stating that Dr. S. Schmalz, an American missionary who was captured by bandits on November 21st, was released on December 24th.

THE PHILIPPINE DISTURBANCES.

MANILA, January 9th.

It is learned that the total number of victims at Surigao is nineteen including a Captain and Lieutenant of constabulary who were slain on January 5th.

Governor-General Wood has ordered one hundred constabulary to proceed to Surigao from Manila. He said that the fanatics were nearer one thousand than two thousand.

FILIPINO RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

SHANGHAI, January 9th.

Reuter's correspondent at Manila states that 2,000 religious fanatics are terrorizing the Surigao district. They have killed two police and five of the constabulary, whilst they have abducted two school teachers. The constabulary is being reinforced.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE SUGGESTIONS.

LONDON, January 8th.

In a leader on its naval correspondent's contention that the project of developing a great naval base at the Cape as an alternative to Singapore is strategically useless, but the Cape route eastward will be enormously important if the passage through the Mediterranean be denied to Britain in any future war. *Daily News* says the official conclusion seems to be that the Cape should be provided with great dockyard facilities in order to accommodate the largest battle-ships, but if British battle-ships are to be excluded from the Mediterranean in the event of war in Europe, what use will they be at the Cape or at all? It suggests the right solution of the problem will not be to spend millions on a naval base thousands of miles away, but to build a kind of vessel able to pass the Straits of Gibraltar and squarely face the enemy.

CHINESE MISSION TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, January 8th.

A member of the Chinese Industrial Commission interviewed by Reuter said he was impressed by what he was seeing in England, and was especially grateful for the courteous reception. To-day the Commission inspected the underground railway developments and motor transport improvements. A reception in their honour at the Chinese Legation was attended by prominent English and Chinese individuals, including representatives of the Foreign Office.

CAPTAIN BRANDT'S BODY RECOVERED.

ICHANG, January 8th.

Latest information says brigands travelled aboard the Tze Sui from Wanhsien and attacked the ship at ten o'clock at night. Captain Brandt's body is reported to have been recovered. The ship's body was not thrown into the river. The steamer *Fuking*, which met the Tze Sui, heard of the tragedy and transferred to the Tze Sui and took her to Chungking.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

SITUATION AT CANTON.

PEKING, January 8th.

Telegrams from Canton report that General Chu T'ang-fang (a member of the Anfu Club), General Pao Wen Wei, Chang Kiang-kuan and Hsiao Yao Nan have arrived on December 25th, and have since had many conferences with Sun Yat Sen.

It is reported that Sun Yat Sen has made an agreement conditional upon Chen Chiang-ming leading an expedition against the North, in which Chen Chiang-ming's troops are to participate, and on Chen Chiang-ming issuing a circular telegram to the provinces denouncing President Tiao Kun and General Wei Pei Fu.

A big conference was held at Canton on Jan. 4th, attended by upwards of 40 prominent people, which reached a decision to support Sun Yat Sen's plan to send an expedition to the Yangtze.

As a preliminary it was resolved to employ General Tan Yen Kai's force of about 12,000, and collect and equip the scattered forces of Chen Chang Yuan's Twelfth Division, who are still in Kiangsi.

If an agreement with Chen Chiang-ming is reached, he will be placed in supreme command, with instructions to take Hunan and Kiangsi.

The framing of the proposed expedition proved a difficulty which none present could solve.

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FEWER DIVORCES. FALL OF 13 PER CENT.

Last year the decline in divorce which has been in progress since 1910 continued, although the fall was much less than in the two previous years. The total of 3,004 cases represents a decrease on 1921 of 13 per cent. Compared with 1919, when, largely as the result of war conditions, the matrimonial suits brought into Court reached the record aggregate of 5,783, the decline is 48 per cent. Nevertheless, the volume of business in the Divorce Court is still considerably more than double that of 1913, when 1,537 suits were entered, and the difference is by no means entirely accounted for by the accessions to the list brought about by the facilities accorded since 1914 to "poor persons." The numbers of cases instituted in the last ten years are set out below:

1913	1,537	1918	3,059
1914	1,348	1919	5,783
1915	1,373	1920	5,184
1916	1,413	1921	3,464
1917	1,708	1922	3,004

Of the 3,004 petitions filed last year, 1,355 were by husbands and 1,639 by wives. Suits for dissolution of marriage numbered 2,338, of which 1,312 were brought by husbands and 1,026 by wives; 123 wives applied for judicial separation; forty-six husbands and thirty-four wives petitioned for nullity; and seven husbands and 236 wives asked for restitution of conjugal rights. Of the suits disposed of during the year, 2,756 were undefended and 247 defended.

Trials resulted in decrees for the petitioner in 1,465 suits brought by husbands and in 1,454 brought by wives, and in decrees for the respondent in eighty-eight suits—in twenty-three cases the husband and in sixty-five the wife. The King's Proctor intervened in 108 suits, and eighty-four decrees were rescinded at his instance.

CHERRY CARPETS FROM CHINA.

BRIGHTER FLOOR.

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CHICAGO BALL-ROOM ORGIE

Chicago's "upper ten" are profoundly shocked by the orgie of youth at a big society ball held recently, called "the Batik Hop," and they met to-day to protest (wrote the New York correspondent of the Daily Telegraph on December 8th). They declared that unless dignity and decency can be assured at the balls planned for the coming holiday season the committees will certainly lack the names of the usual patronesses, and the police will be asked to supervise. This "Batik" ball was the biggest costume affair of the season. It was held at a fashionable hotel, and it is complained by leaders of Chicago society that orgies took place which would not have been tolerated in a public shimmy saloon. It was late in the evening when the customary payment over some of the younger set staged an impromptu payment in costumes whose brevity would have barred them from public bathing stations. A baker's dozen took part in dances with only a slender loincloth and their bare limbs covered only by a coating of batik.

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There are far too many women who think more of having a motor-car than a baby.—Professor Pembrey.

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R. RODENFUESS, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 4th January, 1924. [159]

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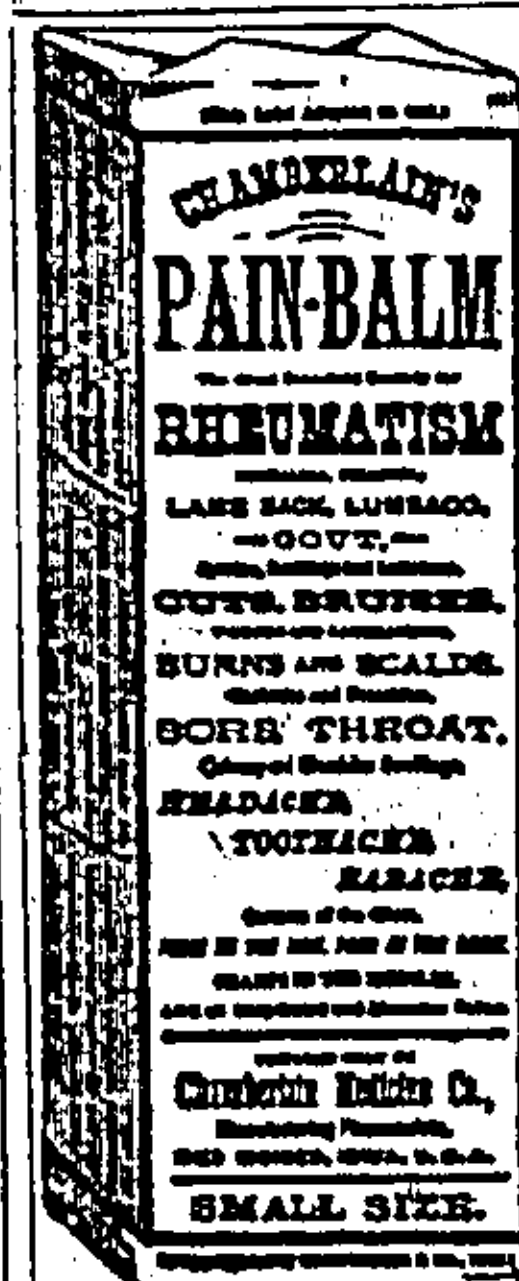
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 6th January, 1924. [158]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

FROM NEW YORK.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE HANK LINE, LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 7th January, 1924. [173]

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 6th January, 1924. [158]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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SCOTTISH SPORT. GLASGOW DRAWS WITH EDINBURGH. KEEN FORWARD STRUGGLE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, December 5th.
The jubilee fixture between Edinburgh and Glasgow, played at New Anniesland, ended in a draw (5 points) each. From start to finish play was tremendously keen, but it never reached a high standard. Mainly it was forward, and a glorious fight two strong packs made, but the back play, unless in defence, was poor. In part the greasy ball was to blame for this, but many faulty passes were given, and the centres were frequently caught in possession. That, of course, meant that the marking was very keen and the following up fast. The surprise was that the Edinburgh side, admittedly weaker as a combination, did so well. In the main the credit of this was due to the great work of the forwards, led in great style by J. C. R. Buchanan; but much of the credit also belonged to J. A. R. Selby, Gow Brown, R. M. Kinnear, and D. Drysdale. Kinnear, indeed, was the outstanding defender in the game, and he did much to minimise the weakness of the other members of the Edinburgh three-quarter line. If it had not been for the work of these four in the closing stages, when the Glasgow side was making desperate efforts to win, Edinburgh must have lost. J. M. Bannerman led a good solid pack, which, however, had not just the same "devil" as that opposing it, though it got about as much of the ball, and it brought off several fine rushes. In a game which the forwards dominated, J. C. E. Buchanan was outstanding, and among those with him who played hard for further recognition were J. W. Scott, K. G. P. Hendrie, and A. C. Gilles. D. M. Bertram's worth was seen in the manner in which Edinburgh for a long spell got the ball; W. G. Dobson was prominent in the open, while his clubmate, D. S. Kerr, buried himself in the scrum, where, judging by results, J. R. Watherston, was also working.

The Glasgow pack, composed of four High School men and four Academicals, was a sound rather than brilliant lot. J. M. Bannerman, as usual, was well in evidence, especially towards the close, and L. M. Stuart, W. S. Dobson, and R. M. Grant were good workers. It was a hard fight at the base of the scrum, but J. A. R. Selby was playing up to his season's form, and had the pull over J. B. Nelson. It was otherwise at stand-off half. Gow Brown was sound in defence, but often failed to open up the game of his three-quarters; whereas J. C. Dyles, with fewer chances, did get his men going. Neither three-quarter line played well. In the Edinburgh line, J. H. Carmichael got few chances, the occasion was too big for R. F. Bain, while good touch kicking was all that R. C. Craig did. The main defence fell on R. M. Kinnear. Time after time he drew up the opposing side, and by grit and determination turned defence into attack. There was no one on the other side to compare with him, though H. Waddell and W. M. Simmers did good work, without being able to bring in their wing men to finish the movement.

IN THE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Watson's beat Glenalmond, and Merchiston triumphed over Edinburgh Academy.

RANGERS INCREASE THEIR LEAD.

As a result of the Scottish League matches, Rangers strengthened their position, for, though hard pressed by the lowly Clydebank, they won, whereas their closest rivals, Airdrieonians and Raith Rovers, dropped one and two points respectively. Celtic, who defeated Third Lanark, are now equal with Airdrieonians.

Curiously enough, the meeting of Rangers and Clydebank, the top and bottom clubs on the table, presented the best match of the week. For a time it looked as if Rangers were to meet with their first reverse, as their opponents at the interval, and for a time thereafter, held a one goal lead. But that was rather due to the spirit and inspiration that Clydebank brought to bear on their biggest engagement of the season rather than to any handicap of the state of the ground. Airdrieonians held a winning chance at home against Kilmarnock, but the Ayrshire club once again demonstrated their strength as an away side, and in a game in which they led till fifteen minutes from time, Kilmarnock were but ill rewarded with one point. The advance of Raith Rovers in the course of the past two months has been one of the features of the League competition but they, too, full points to Aberdeen, a decided set back. Dundee continues to make progress, but their liability to lapses when away from home ground is a fatal weakness. On Dens Parks they have lost only one game—in Rangers—and now they have had a convincing win over Falkirk, notwithstanding that the visiting team played good football. Heart of Midlothian were also winners at home, Morton succumbing by 3 to 1. Partick Thistle defeated Hibs, Ayr drew with Hamilton and Queen's Park with Clyde.

GOLF BUNKER LAW.

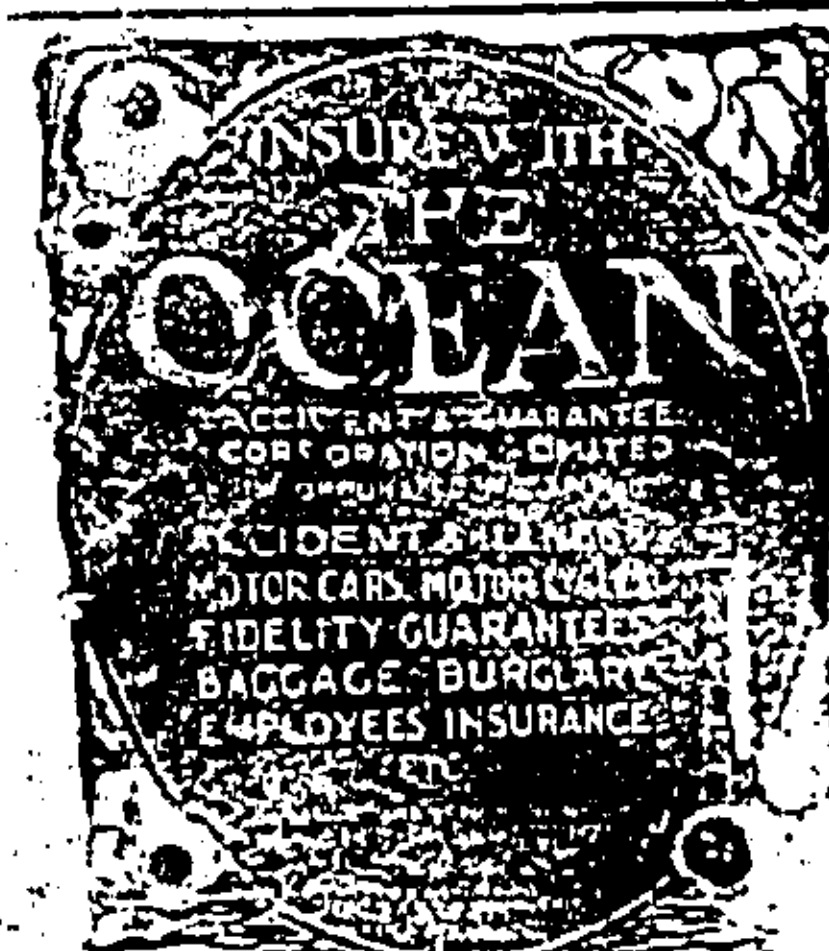
The Rules of Golf Committee have issued an explicit statement regarding a troublesome point of bunker law. The after time it has cropped up, and the claim or resignation of the hole, no matter which, usually involved leaves in unsatisfactory feeling. The Committee have now made it clear that a player who, failing to get out of a hazard, smoothes the sand-marks with his club shall not necessarily forfeit the hole. The case, which has repeatedly caused giving in matches, is based upon Rule 21, which says, that "when a ball lies in a hazard nothing shall be done which can in any way improve his lie; the club shall not touch the ground, nor shall anything

be touched or moved before the player strikes at the ball." The pivotal part of the code there, both in spirit and letter, is the first part, and the Committee in their announcement have given full weight to that. The rule proceeds to enumerate certain things which may be done on the bunker, but it is undeniable that, over and above everything else, the impression has been widely held that on no account must the club touch the sand before the stroke. It has often happened that the first bunker stroke has knocked the ball to another part of the hazard, and, before trying again, the player with ready instinct for etiquette, has "scared" the sand where he disturbed it. Many a hole has been lost in that way. There were two holes given up in the Scottish Fouromes at Gullane at the end of this season for this reason, and a notable instance was the full penalty given against Mr. G. L. Mellin in the Amateur Championship at Muirfield after the war. Mr. Talley, his opponent, claimed on the understanding that any claim "arising" would mean disqualification. In no one of these instances should the hole have been sacrificed. In no case did the result justify the "scare" improve the player's lie for his next stroke, and that is the essence of the rule. The Rules Committee have done a service in setting the matter out clearly, and golfers should make a note of it for future guidance.

THE Scottish Football Union have insisted to club secretaries that the suspension of Neil Macpherson, Newport, is now raised, together with the ban on Scots players taking part in matches against those members of the Newport team who had accepted a gift of the value of £21. It is pointed out that the International Board, in disapproving of the sanctioning the presentation and in recommending the several unions that no moment exceeding the value of £2 should be given, have shown practical approval of the action of the Scottish Union.

RUDDY MAN FOR THE FAR EAST.

The old captain of Glasgow Academicals, R. S. Simpson, is to be entertained to dinner by his club-mates. He leaves this country for the Far East at the end of the year to increase the number of old Rugby Internationalists who are located in that quarter of the globe.



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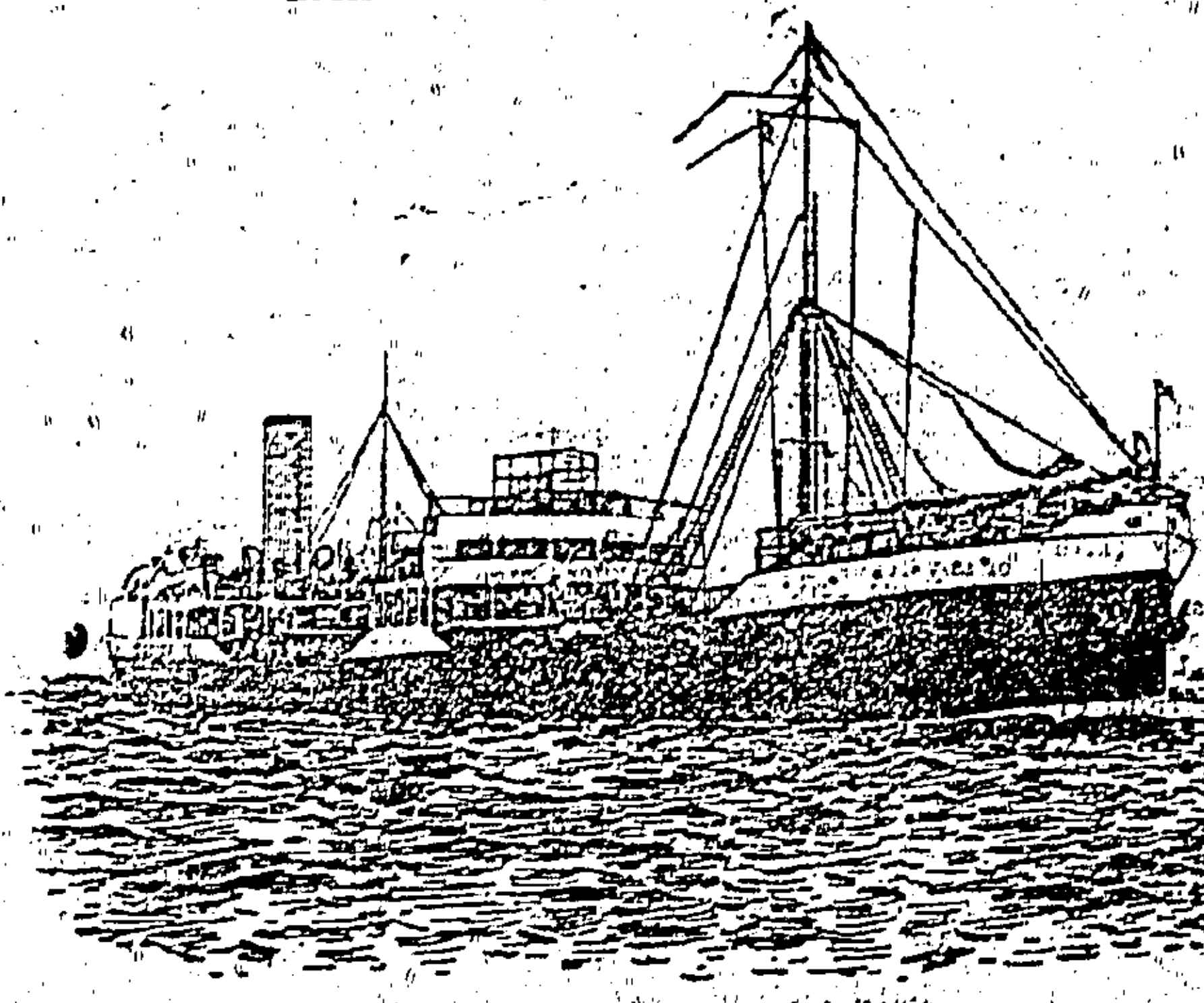
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